

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2014

4:30 p.m. – City Hall – 7th Floor Conferencing Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance

The following members were present:

Members: Tim Searing, Marlene Winter, Al Dieckman, Cynthia Burns, Mike O'Donin, Larry Reymann

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, , Paul Hintz, Andy O'Brien, Donna Eken, Brandi Burke, Terry Flatley

Guests: Delaney Lafond, Underdog Sports Leagues

Chair, Cynthia Burns, called the October 14, 2014, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Troy Wigestrang and Sojin Thompson were not present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tim Searing made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Donin, to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the October 14, 2014, agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike O'Donin and seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the September 2014 minutes as written, all were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Delaney Lafond, Underdog Sports Leagues, introduced herself and expressed interest in potentially partnering with our recreation division on leagues utilizing Liberty and Cedar River Park. Terry noted that Andy O'Brien was in attendance at the meeting

and oversees those programs so he could facilitate a meeting to discuss the possibility of coordination.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATION

City Center Plan—Mike O'Donin

The meeting focused on discussion for the Renton core and setting standards for buildings, way finding and landscaping. The next meeting will be on November 6.

Larry Reymann noted that at the May Creek Park natural area the knotweed needs addressed.

Terry thanked Al and Cynthia for attending the budget presentation.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Sunset Neighborhood Park Master Plan—Leslie Betlach

Leslie Betlach, Parks Planning Natural Resources Director, presented the third briefing to the Board on the Sunset Neighborhood Park Master Plan. Previous meetings included an Interdepartmental team meeting on February 19, 2014; a Stakeholder meeting on March 19; and Open Houses on May 1, June 18, and September 23. Leslie outlined the major elements were kept as previously discussed but a different layout. There was a question and answer period followed by a motion made by Larry Reymann to recommend to Council adoption of the Sunset Neighborhood Park Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Tim Searing, all present were in favor, motion carried. Next steps include the Committee of the Whole Presentation on November 3rd, followed by HBB developing a Master Plan based upon feedback and lastly development of a Master Plan Report.

Comment [LAB1]: The powerpoint incorrectly identified 8/23 and I verbally corrected during the presentation

Comprehensive Plan Update—Paul Hintz, Associate Planner

Paul Hintz, Associate Planner CED, reviewed the necessity of the Comprehensive Plan Update including the Capital Facilities Element and level of service. A major update is due in June of 2015 and will establish policies for growth and development for the next 20 years and provide the blueprint for City decisions and actions. Paul reviewed the current level of service in Renton and comparably to Tacoma and Redmond. Upcoming key dates is a community workshop on November 18 and the Public Hearing on December 17th

Comment [LAB2]: I believe this has been revised to November 18 as per the Planning Commission meeting conducted on 10/15??

The LOS in the Capital Facilities Element of the existing Citywide Comprehensive Plan for parks and recreational facilities is 18.57 acres for every 1,000 residents, which was established in 2007. Since 2007 the population has increased from 60,000 to 97,000. The current number of parkland acres per 1,000 residents is not being met. The

minimum LOS is recommended to be .009 acres of parkland per capita (also written as 9 acres per 1,000 residents). While the City does have discretion, the Level of Service needs to reflect a metric that is sustainable for the 20-year planning horizon. Larry Reymann made a motion seconded by Al Dieckman to recommend to the City Council to update the Capital Facilities Element by revising the existing level of service for parks and recreational facilities to 0.009 acres of parkland per capita. All were in favor, motion carried.

Comment [LAB3]: Revised verbally to .009 by Paul during the meeting. .009 was passed along to the Planning commission on 10/15

Tree Report—Terry Flatley

Terry Flatley, Urban Forester and Natural Resources Manager, presented a report on the upcoming tree maintenance contract between the City of Renton and Seattle Tree Preservation. Terry outlined various locations and described recommended removal and pruning(s) needed. The summary of the project involves seven locations involving 70 trees consisting of 43 removals and 27 prunings. The contract with Seattle Tree Preservations is currently being finalized. The completion date for this project is estimated December 31, 2014. Terry serves as the City's representative on the Washington Community Forestry Council. The City is on track to receive its 7th Tree City US Award in 2014 and additionally received a grant award from the Washington Department of Natural Resources providing free labor to prune 330 street trees in the Landing during November.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

CIP Budget

Due to time constraints we were unable to finish the Budget Review for 2015/2016 at last month's meeting. Terry distributed copies of the summary and associated costs for the next budget cycle and projected through 2020 requests for acquisition, development/redevelopment, maintenance/preservation, and planning requests. Some projects may have to be pushed out dependent on available funding.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Introduction

Our new Recreation Coordinator, Brandi Burke, was introduced. Brandi assumed the duties overseeing the pool and swimming beaches. She briefly gave the Board a little history about her previous experience.

Information

Terry reminded everyone about the upcoming Employee Recognition luncheon and encouraged them to attend. Also our December meeting will be held jointly with the Library Board at the Museum on December 9, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. We will have a brief meeting followed by a holiday social.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Larry Reymann and seconded by Tim Searing to adjourn the October meeting at 6:05 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

December 9, 2014 @ 5:00 P.M.

Renton History Museum